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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6681

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 1021

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, CS  
SUBJECT: IRS TESTIMONY

REF: A. STATE 53375  
B. SAN JOSE 352

1. COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO LEGAL OR POLICY  
OBJECTION TO TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS IN COSTA RICA BY A U.S.  
COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS NOT AN ACCREDITED U.S.  
CONSULAR OR DIPLOMATIC OFFICER REGARDLESS OF WHERE TAKEN.  
FORMIN FACIO WAS CLEAR ON THIS POINT WHEN IT WAS DISCUSSED  
WITH CHARGE FEB. 10 (QUESTION WAS RAISED WITH FACIO IN  
CONTEXT OF TRAVEL OF COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE NOT  
ACCREDITED TO EMBASSY).

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FACIO ALSO SUGGESTED THAT "PROPER  
PLACE" FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE DEPOSITION IS ITS  
EMBASSY. BY "FOREIGN GOVERNMENT" FACIO WAS CLEARLY IN-  
CLUDING ANY U.S. OFFICIAL, COURT-APPOINTED, OR WHOEVER,  
WHO WOULD TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. EMBASSY MUST REGISTER ITS FURTHER CONCERN ON  
SENSITIVITY OF SUCH DEPOSITION-TAKING AWAY FROM  
EMBASSY DUE TO LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION. COSTA RICA  
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES TAKE PLACE MARCH 13.  
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POLITICAL FEELINGS THESE DAYS ARE HIGH. CORRUPTION  
IN GOVERNMENT, OF WHICH VESCO'S PRESENCE IS ALREADY AN  
ISSUE, WILL BE A THEME INCREASINGLY HEARD. IF  
VESCO AND HIS ACCOMPLICES ARRANGE TO GET A U.S. COURT  
TO RULE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DEPOSE IN EMBASSY  
DUE TO JUDGE'S INABILITY TO GUARANTEE THAT WITNESSES  
WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO ARREST, VESCO'S ALLEGATION

OF USG PERSECUTION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED  
AND IT WOULD BE PUBLICIZED HERE ACCORDINGLY. THIS  
DEVELOPMENT WOULD LIKELY BYUSED BY ONE  
POLITICAL SIDE OR THE OTHER TO DETRIMENT OF U.S.  
ORM EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IRS APPEAL  
JUDGE'S ORDER ON ABOVE AND ON PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED  
POLITICAL GROUNDS.  
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